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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE SALT

CONTENT OF LIQUID AND DEVICE FOR

PRACTICING THE METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/ RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 May 20, 2009

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the February 5, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.